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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
HANNAH CHEYANNE LAFOND,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:23-MJ-00048-BAM

STIPULATION REGARDING EXCLUDABLE  
TIME PERIODS UNDER SPEEDY TRIAL ACT;  
ORDER

DATE: May 30, 2023  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
COURT: Hon. Sheila K. Oberto

This case is set for a preliminary hearing on May 30, 2023. The parties agree and stipulate to continue the preliminary hearing until June 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. before the duty magistrate. Defense counsel has continued to be engaged in discussions and further investigation and needs additional time to conclude that process. Additionally, the parties are engaged in discussions and investigation of issues related to a possible pre-indictment resolution, as well as consultation with or seeking consultation with experts. There are complex factual and legal issues the parties are exploring and believe that additional time to conclude that process will be productive in moving the case forward.

If the case is continued, this Court should designate a new date for the preliminary hearing. *United States v. Lewis*, 611 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2010) (noting any pretrial continuance must be “specifically limited in time”).

**STIPULATION**

Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant, by and through defendant's counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. By previous order, this matter was set for preliminary hearing on May 30, 2023.

2. By this stipulation, defendant now moves to continue the preliminary hearing until **June 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** and to exclude time between May 30, 2023, and June 6, 2023, under Local Code T4.

3. The parties agree and stipulate, and request that the Court find the following:

a) The parties are discussing and conducting further investigation into pre-indictment matters and need additional time to conclude.

b) Counsel for defendant desires additional time to consult with his client, conduct further investigation, and further discuss charges with the government.

c) Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested continuance would deny him the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

d) The government does not object to the continuance.

e) Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. 5.1(c) and (d), a preliminary hearing must be held "no later than 14 days after initial appearance if the defendant is in custody," unless the defendant consents and there is a "showing of good cause". Here, the defendant consents and there is good cause as set forth herein.

f) Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in an indictment or trial within the original dates prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.

g) For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, et seq., within which an indictment must be filed and within which a trial must commence, the time period of May 30, 2023 to June 6, 2023, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) [Local Code T4] because it results from a continuance granted by the Court at defendant's request on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served

1 by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy  
2 indictment/trial.

3 4. Nothing in this stipulation and order shall preclude a finding that other provisions of the  
4 Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time periods are excludable from the period within which an  
5 Indictment must be filed and a trial must commence.

6 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

7 Dated: May 24, 2023

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9 /s/ Dennis L Lewis  
10 Dennis L Lewis  
11 Special Assistant United States  
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12 Dated: May 24, 2023

13 /s/ Erin Snider  
14 Erin Snider  
15 Counsel for Defendant  
16 HANNAH CHEYANNE  
LAFOND

17 **ORDER**

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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22 DATED: 5/24/2023

23 Sheila K. Oberto  
24 THE HONORABLE SHEILA K. OBERTO  
25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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